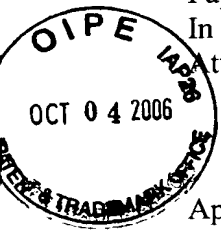


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2006, please amend the subject application as shown on the attached pages. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the deadline for reply until October 16, 2006. The present amendment is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper. A Replacement Sheet of drawings and an Annotated Sheet of drawings showing changes accompany this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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